

REMARKS

**A. Response to Rejection of Claims 1-25, 27, 28, 31-66, 68, 69, 73, 76-81, 83-90
and 92**

Claims 1-12, 18-25, 27, 28, 32-55, 61-66, 68, 69, 73, 76-81, 83-90 and 92 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,312,188 to Ousterhout et al. ("Ousterhout"). Claims 13 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ousterhout as applied to claims 12 and 54 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,715,742 to Dickenson. Claims 14-17 and 57-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ousterhout as applied to claims 12 and 54 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,762,443 to Gelfand. Claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ousterhout as applied to claim 1 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,102,518 to Bernard.

Claims 26, 29, 30, 67, 70, 71, 74, 75, 82 and 91 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 72 was allowed as presented.

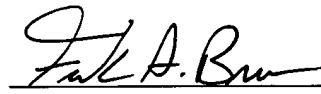
In response, Applicant hereby cancels rejected claims 1-25, 27, 28, 31-66, 68, 69, 73, 76-81, 83-90 and 92 without prejudice or disclaimer and hereby amends objected to claims 26, 29, 30, 67, 70, 71, 74, 75, 82 and 91 to include all of the limitations of base claims and any intervening claims. As a result, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 26, 29, 30, 67, 70, 71, 74, 75, 82 and 91 are now in condition for allowance.

B. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and prompt notification thereof is requested. If the prosecution of this application can be advanced by a telephone conference, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (212) 530-5456.

Respectfully submitted,

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